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Washington, D.C.-- Today, Congressman Sires responded to Governor Christie's decision to terminate the Access to the Region's Core (ARC) tunnel construction project.

"Terminating the ARC project has countless negative ramifications that affect our economy and area both in the short and long term," said Congressman Sires. "By terminating this project it means that the State of New Jersey will be walking away from \$3 billion in federal funding."

The ARC project was scheduled to be completed by 2018. The project would construct two tunnels below the Hudson River and double transit service between New Jersey and Manhattan. By expanding the public transportation network, greenhouse gas emissions would be lowered.

"The ARC project was lauded as a success during its groundbreaking by a wide coalition of civic, environmental, planning, and transportation groups and was seen as an important way to jumpstart the economy by creating approximately 6,000 construction jobs and 45,000 permanent jobs," said Sires. "Terminating this project will halt mass transportation progress in New Jersey and across the Tri State area, and will subject our commuters to continued congestion."

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